

# MANY ARE KILLED IN VILLISTA-DEFACTO CLASH!

## Funston Asks Permission to Use Mexican Railways—Americans Flee From Interior to Vera Cruz

### 26 KILLED IN BATTLE VILLA AND DEFACTOS

Two Americans are murdered on Ranch Near Torreon.

Foreigners in Tampico District in Dread of Outbreak.

MANY VILLA SYMPATHIZERS

Prominent Mexicans Rally to Support of Hunted Outlaw.

Washington Is Forced to Protect Foreign Interests.

Torreon, March 18.—Fighting has been in progress since early yesterday between Constitutionalists and Villistas at Canon Chorrillos near Noe in the Torreon district. The Villa commander is said to be Juan Madrid.

Reliable reports received here were that 26 men had been killed and 32 captured in a battle between Constitutionalists and so-called "Pacifists" somewhere in the region of Durango, Mexico. The Pacifists which were defeated under the leadership of Generals Banuelos and Miguel Hernandez.

Americans Murdered.

Galveston, March 18.—Two American citizens were murdered on a ranch west of Torreon Monday night, according to advices reaching here today from the border, where it was brought by Mexican refugees.

It is said the Americans were killed during an anti-American demonstration in which half a hundred Mexicans participated. The bodies of the dead Americans were left at the ranch house when the Mexicans took to their march northward, hoping to join some squad of Villa soldiers.

Information reached here that Villa forces have assembled in strength in the state of Tamaulipas and that Mexicans in the United States have organized in an effort to supply them with arms and ammunition by water route. The yacht Providencia, which sailed from Corpus Christi last week, picked up 300 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition at Padre Island. She was wrecked on the Mexican coast and her crew have been made prisoners.

There are other expeditions under way, however.

Fear Big Outbreak.

That prominent Mexicans in the vicinity of Tampico are in sympathy with the cause of Pancho Villa and (Continued on Page 2)

### A \$600,000 FIRE

Flames Wipe Out Two Whole Blocks in Baltimore.

Conflagration Started in Bar Fixture Factory.

Baltimore, Md., March 18.—South Baltimore's manfacturing center, covering an area of two whole blocks, was destroyed in a conflagration Friday night. Hundreds of families fled from their homes and others were rescued by firemen and police.

The blaze began in the F. X. Ganth company structure, where shoe cases and bar fixtures are manufactured. The building covers an entire square. A terrific northeast wind fanned the flames until they reached the Michael Dely Box company. The blaze raged through the night, presenting a spectacular sight which recalled unpleasant memories of 1904, when Baltimore's heart was swept out of existence.

A summary of damage estimates indicated that the loss would exceed \$600,000.

### WILL ATTACK CANTON

Federal Chinese Troops Join Rebels to Capture Metropolis.

Tokio, March 18.—Advices from Chinese revolutionary sources state that 300 government troops in Wuchow-Fu province of Kwang-Tung have revolted and joined the revolutionary forces who are planning a concerted attack on Canton.

Should Canton fall it is expected that Dr. Sun Yet will proceed there and endeavor to create an incorporate government.

### Tale of a Soiled Shirt In Topeka

It was the tale of a soiled shirt that was related over the telephone to Dr. L. W. Rowles, city milk inspector, this morning.

In addition to serving as milk inspector Dr. Rowles is boss of all food inspections made in the city and the shirt had to do with food inspections. Some man who refused to give his name, called in about the shirt worn by a certain grocer in Topeka.

"I am one of the best customers he has," said the man, "and I want to continue to trade there. But this man's shirt is a fright. I don't think he changes it at all. I believe that in inspecting grocery stores you should take such things into consideration."

The soiled shirt will be taken into consideration, according to Dr. Rowles.

### CRISIS NO MORE

Danger of Friction With Mexico Now Is Past.

### General Says Calm Is Tribute to Carranza.

El Paso, March 18.—General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, in a statement given today to the Associated Press, declared the crisis in the relations between the United States and Mexico is past and that there is no further need to fear trouble.

"We have passed the crisis," said General Gavira, "and I feel much relieved. There is no question that the situation was very delicate and even serious for a while. The Carranza government has demonstrated its ability to control the people and has been ably seconded by his generals in the field."

Confidence in First Chief.

"I do not wish to be understood as in any way approving the entry of American troops on Mexican soil. The restraint that the Mexican people have shown is due solely to the confidence that they have in the first chief and his administration. The American people must realize the significance of passage of their soldiers over so large a part of Mexico without being molested in any way. It is a supreme tribute to General Carranza."

General Gavira denied reports that he had received word that General Pershing and Colonel Dodd had joined forces north of Casas Grandes. He said he knew nothing further of the movements of the Americans beyond the fact that their outposts were in the neighborhood of that city.

### IS HIS OWN BILL

Wilson Stamp on Army Measure, Says Hay.

### Approves Federalization of National Guard.

Washington, March 18.—The house military bill is President Wilson's own bill, Chairman Hay of the military committee informed the house today when he spoke on the message.

"I may say," he said in reply to a question, "in broad language that this is the president's bill, that he thoroughly approves of it."

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, Republican, said members on both sides were eager to know whether the bill had the full approval of the administration.

"I am authorized to state," Chairman Hay replied, "that the bill is approved by the president. It is his bill. It carries out the recommendation of his message."

Dr. Hay also stated that while the bill did not contain the continental army provisions recommended by former Secretary Garrison and approved by President Wilson, the president was satisfied that the proposed federalization of the National Guard would accomplish the same purpose.

### SENT AFTER ZAPATA

Carranza Dispatches General to Cut Off Possible Villa Aid.

Galveston, March 18.—General Pablo Gonzalez has been made chief of the military operations against the Carranza forces in Southern Mexico, according to information reaching the Mexican consulate today. He was appointed to this post by General Obregon, who has just been made minister of war and navy in the Carranza cabinet. It is also announced that Obregon has abolished the practice of issuing commissions to women in the Mexican army.

### FEUD LEADER KILLED

One of Notorious Allen Brothers Who Shot Up Court, Is Assassinated.

Roanoke, N. C., March 18.—Jack Allen, brother of Sid and Floyd Allen, leaders of the gang that assassinated officials of the Carroll county court at Hillsville, was killed last night at the home of Mrs. Birt Martin, seven miles from Mount Airy, N. C. Will McGraw, who was with Allen and his brother, reportedly fired the shot which was heard, is being sought.

### VILLA STILL IS FAR AHEAD OF HIS PURSUERS

Dodd's Cavalry Making Fast Forced Marches.

Is 100 Miles South of Hachita Today.

PURSUIT TO LAST 3 MONTHS?

Another Says Ought to Catch Villa in Few Weeks.

Wild Reports Circulated to Arouse Peon Class.

El Paso, March 18.—Relentlessly pursuing their quarry, the crack troops of the United States army were well along on Villa's tracks today.

Guided by aeroplanes, the two divisions of the American punitive expedition were entering an unfriendly district filled with Villa sympathizers. Hard fighting was not expected, however, as the American forces greatly outnumber any outlaw bands in their vicinity.

Colonel Dodd's cavalry column, making forced marches, was expected to pass Janos, Chihuahua, 100 miles south of Hachita, New Mexico, which the troops left early Thursday.

General Pershing and the main Columbus division were skirting Guzman, obeying the Carranzista request to avoid Mexican cities and towns where the old hatred of gringos might break out in sniping by non-combatants.

Villa was variously reported from 100 to 150 miles farther south. He was believed to be in the Chihuahua district, fleeing for the Sierra Madres around Durango, his favorite haunts.

High army officials here expect the pursuit to last at least three months, barring the unexpected. Pershing was leading the flower of the American army over the Chihuahua desert.

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### ISSUE PEACE DEFY

German Officials Supposed Back of Editorial.

Didn't Make Terms, Now Must Suffer.

Berlin, March 18.—Germany's enemies, by not taking advantage of the announcement of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, on December 3, that Germany would consider peace proposals whenever her foes are willing to ask terms, have lost the day of grace. This is the conclusion to be drawn from a leading article in the semi-official Lokai Anzeiger in which it is declared that the time now has come to carry out the chancellor's warning of December that if the enemies of this country did not ask for peace in a reasonable period, they would have to pay more dearly for it.

Were Willing Then.

The Lokai Anzeiger says: "According to everything one hears, one must be convinced that our responsible statement in complete agreement with the military leaders now occupy a different attitude toward the general situation than they occupied when the chancellor expressed our readiness to enter into peace negotiations under certain conditions. These remarks uttered with a feeling of power and a certain superiority but now they are uttered in a tone of a fanatical echo among our enemies."

"Hence, every one has to conclude that the 'peace' which Germany lacks all vision of the attainable, all understanding of the hard immutability facts which already have developed and have since that time only accumulated in greater extent."

"The chancellor left no doubt that, if his honorable wish to avoid senseless blood letting should prove futile we were determined to double our energies in order to open the blindest of our enemies' eyes."

### WHOLE FIELDS OF DEAD NOW

No Infantry Attacks Last Night Reported by Paris.

Artillery Bombardments Violent on Some Sectors.

Paris, March 18.—No infantry attacks were made last night in the Verdun region. There was intermittent cannonading.

The German losses in the desperate enterprise against Verdun, positive fruits of which are only to be found on paper, must now be more than a quarter of a million.

The sort of thing that has been going on for days is neither magnificent nor war. It is just scientific slaughter and serves only to display the courageous tenacity of both defenders and attackers.

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"Our artillery is now in excellent position from which it crushes the attacking battalions," he said. "Now and again an occasional company manages to get through to the chaotic ruined village, only to be destroyed by machine guns or the bombardment."

"In some cases it would seem the lines of the Germans have recoiled upon their own heads."

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### TIRPITZ SOUGHT CLASH

Rome Advises Claim Retired Naval Head Demanded Naval Battle.

London, March 18.—A wireless dispatch from Rome says that the retirement of Admiral von Tirpitz as German minister of marine was occasioned by his intention to attack Great Britain with the entire German navy. This plan was vetoed, according to these advices, by Emperor William and Prince Henry.

Liberals to Veto Tirpitz.

Berlin, March 18.—Via London, March 18.—The national liberal group in the reichstag decided today to introduce at this session its measure calling for the carrying on of submarine war.

### EDUCATIONAL DAY

April 11 Designated by Governor Capper in Proclamation.

Governor Capper today issued a proclamation urging all Kansans to observe "Educational Day" on April 11. On this day annual school meetings in 8,815 rural school districts and cities of the state are to be held and plans for improvement in schools for the coming year will be made. In view of this fact Governor Capper made the proclamation to designate the day as "Educational Day" and called upon the directors of school boards and citizens of all communities to do all in their power to enact a progressive campaign for education in the state, which would make all schools better during the coming year.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Fair tonight and probably Sunday; somewhat colder tonight and in the southern part of the state tomorrow.

### FIRST PICTURE OF BANDIT VILLA'S COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO, MASSACRE



The smoking heap in the background is the funeral pyre on which the bodies of twenty-seven dead Villa soldiers were burned. In the foreground is the iron coping of the Central Hotel, all that remained after two American occupants were massacred and the structure fired by Villistas.

### LOSSES 250,000

Germans Made Their Biggest Sacrifice at Verdun.

They Wage, Not War but Scientific Slaughter.

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### Prices Say No Linen Dresses This Summer

Columbus, Ohio, March 18.—Merchants predict a linen famine this year. Women, they claim, who have been accustomed to wearing linen waists and skirts during summer will find it practically impossible to secure such linen. The foreign supply of the cloth is almost entirely shut off. The American output is small. The prices, merchants say, will be higher than in the last 15 years.

### DRIVE ON RUSSIA

Germans Have Begun New Offensive on Eastern Front.

Czar Sends His Best Generals to Oppose Them.

Petrograd, March 18.—A great German offensive against the Russians is preparing and has, indeed, already commenced in the Dvinsk region.

Both Generals Kurapatkin and Radko Dmitrieff are on the northern front—the one Russia's great strategist, the other a marvelous leader in active operations. With these two generals in command, great confidence is felt.

It was officially announced at the Russian war office today that German troops are again attacking the Russian positions northwest of Dvinsk. The statement says:

"In the region of Dalsen Island a violent artillery duel has taken place. Below Dvinsk, in the region of Iloukust, east of Poniewesch railway, the Germans threw hand grenades loaded with high explosives."

The following official report was issued by the war office Friday night:

"Yesterday our artillery has effectively bombarded German cantonments southeast of Iksel and in the vicinity of Tomsdorff. In the Dvinsk region our gunners dispersed a marching column of Germans south-west of the village of Garbunovka."

### SEES END OF WAR

French Minister Considers Verdun Closing Scene of Struggle.

Paris, March 18.—"We have reached the decisive hour," said Alexandre Ribot, minister of finance, speaking in the chamber last night on the military situation. "We can say without exaggeration, without illusion and without vain optimism, that we now see the end of this horrible war."

Minister Ribot's utterances are taken as of the utmost importance in regard to the battle at Verdun, where peace is or is not appreciably nearer. It is unquestionable that the tension in France has relaxed and that men's thoughts are turned to the rapid development of events favorable to the allies.

### Railroad and Labor Clash.

Washington, March 18.—A complete adjustment of the labor difficulties between the machinists and allied crafts employed on southeastern railroads, and the companies was reached here today by representatives of the roads granting an increase in pay ranging from one to three and a half cents per hour and agreeing to establish a minimum rate of pay in all crafts.

### GOING TO THE TOP

Unusual Young Man Discovered in Santa Fe Shops.

Overpaid Twenty Cents a Day for 18 Months.

REFUNDED TO BIG COMPANY

Given Good Job at Completion of Apprenticeship.

Has Opportunity to Climb High With Railroad.

Ordinarily names are omitted from a story because the story is of such character that their use would injure the persons involved. In this instance the name is omitted because the young man is modest, because he is in contact with thousands of young men have put his case down among those labeled "unusual" and no opportunity will be overlooked to help him along.

A little more than three years ago he began work in the Santa Fe shops, learning one branch of the work. He had three years to serve as a helper before he became a real workman. His wages were fixed at approximately \$20 a month. For eighteen months he plugged along drawing his small monthly allowance. He helped the support of his mother, kept himself, and by pinching was able to go to night school to pick up some knowledge he had missed by quitting public school.

Things went along fairly well for eighteen months, but then something happened. Then something happened.

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### AFFIRM IT WAS U-BOAT

Amsterdam U. S. Consul Reterrates Dutch Liner Was Torpedo Victim.

Washington, March 18.—Two officers and lookouts of the destroyed Dutch liner, Tubantia, the American consul at Amsterdam reported today, "saw the steamer was torpedoed."

He added that passengers were of the same opinion.

The consul reports persons missing and says that Richard Shilling referred to in news dispatches as an American consul, is an employee of the New York Life Insurance company, with his wife and daughter, Schilling was saved.

### BRITISH MINE, MAYBE?

German Comment of Tubantia Disaster Shifts Blame to Enemy.

Berlin, March 18.—"Commenting on the Dutch report that the steamship Tubantia was sunk by a mine, German newspapers are discussing the origin of the mine," says the Overseas News Agency. "They state that the latest statistics indicate it was not a German mine. Since the beginning of the war, 918 mines have been washed up on the Dutch coast. Of these, 484 were of British origin, 84 French, 201 unknown and only 175 German."

### 3,200 Apply to Enlist in Army In Three Days

Chicago, March 18.—Approximately thirty-two hundred applications for enlistment in the United States army had been received here today from the Chicago district which includes nearly all points since the resumption of recruiting three days ago. Further impetus was given to recruiting today by the inauguration of an advertising campaign in which postmasters of nearby towns were required to post advertisements and personally encourage those inclined to enlist.

### OF MILITARY AGE

There Are 342,360 Men in Kansas Subject to Duty.

The Voting Population of Both Sexes Numbers 943,428.

A summary of statistics gleaned from the compilation of the state decennial census, issued by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture, shows the following facts:

The total population of the state in 1915 was 1,472,345, increase of 127,577 in the last ten years. Of this population 854,679 are males and 618,231 are females. The sex of 4,635 is not given.

There are 1,552,644 native Americans and 115,266 foreigners. The nativity of 4,635 is not given.

The number of families in the state in 1915 is 407,666, in 1905, 345,966 and in 1895, 279,816.

Number of persons in the family in 1915, 4.10 in 1905, 4.47 and in 1895, 4.77.

Number of children of school age, 526,571 in 1915, 522,636 in 1905 and 279,816 in 1895.

Number of males of military age 242,550, number of females of military age, 490,285; number of females of voting age, 453,143.

Population, 21 years and over, 943,428 in 1915, 827,694 in 1905 and 668,568 in 1895.

### NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

Rain First of Week Followed by Fair, Warm Days.

Washington, March 18.—The weather bureau today made this forecast of weather for the coming week:

"The pressure distribution is such as to indicate that the coming week will be marked by a general reaction to normal temperature east of the Mississippi valley. In the Mississippi valley and all districts west thereof, temperature above the seasonal average may be expected."

"The next disturbance to cross the country, which is expected to reach the mountains Sunday, pass to the plain states and the Great Central valleys Monday or Tuesday, and the eastern states about Wednesday. This disturbance will be preceded by a general rise in temperature and will be attended by snows in northern and local rains and probably thunderstorms in the southern states east of the Rocky mountains."

"With the exception of the short period of unsettled weather attending this disturbance and local snows at the beginning of the week in the region of the Great Lakes and the North Atlantic states, the week will be of a generally fair weather."

### U. S. TROOPS AT COLONIA DUBLAN DISPEL FEARS

Removes Idea of Intention to Occupy Casas Grandes.

By Strategic Plan, Two American Forces Unite.

\$100,000 REWARD FOR VILLA

Chihuahua Ranchmen Put Up Sum for His Head.

Many Bandit Gangs Encountered in Expedition.

El Paso, March 18.—American cavalrymen pursuing Francisco Villa were camped at dawn today at Colonia Dublan, one of the environs of Casas Grandes. They arrived in the night. Through Colonia Dublan runs the road to the Galeana district, 25 miles southeast, where Villa was last definitely reported.

The news of the encampment at Colonia Dublan dispelled fears of any disputes with Constitutional authorities over what position the American troops should occupy at Casas Grandes. Mormon scouts dashed into Colonia Dublan last night with the news that the American were near. The column which was first into this important American settlement was said to be the cavalry from Hachita.

Columbus Veers to Point.

Dispatches direct from Mexico and the official announcements from Major General Funston made it evident today that the two American columns, one from Columbus, N. M., under General Pershing, and the other from Hachita, N. M., under Colonel Dodd, had gotten into close communication with each other and probably had formed an actual junction when a little more than half way on the route to Casas Grandes. Something of the strategy of the plan was revealed. The Hachita column made its actual start from San Bernardino ranch, about the size of a large county, where the state of New Mexico extends some forty miles south of the general east and west line of the American border.

Didn't Stop at Guzman.

By using the American territory for the first part of their advance from Hachita, the flying cavalry command of Col. George Dodd, was able to strike into Mexico at the shortest distance from Casas Grandes, a little more than 60 miles of march.

The main column under General Pershing, starting at Columbus, N. M., starting at a point considerably farther north of Casas Grandes, did not go due south but apparently veered to the westward to get into touch with the cavalry commands from Hachita.

Reports here that General Pershing's army intended to establish a base at Guzman were discounted in dispatches that Guzman was still held.

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### FINE SUNDAY COMING

Night Temperature Continues to Hover Around Frost Line.

Weather of the variety usually experienced in the middle of May prevailed at Topeka Friday. At 5 o'clock in the evening the thermometer registered 73 degrees. Somewhat cooler weather is coming with just a possibility of clouds and unsettled conditions. The wind is blowing in the north and the chance for weather as warm as Friday is small today.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and probably Sunday, somewhat colder tonight and in the south Sunday. The shippers' forecast indicates temperatures of 25 to 30 degrees for 24-hour shipments north and south west and south, 20 degrees. The temperature at Topeka tonight will be close to freezing.

The lowest temperature of the morning was 28 degrees at 7 o'clock. This is 6 degrees above normal. The mercury, during the early part of the morning, climbed more rapidly than on Friday, but the north wind kept the later readings down. The highest temperature on record for this date is 82 degrees, established in 1888. The low record, 8 degrees, occurred in 1892.

The Kaw river has fallen one-tenth of a foot since Friday morning, making the stage today 6.7 feet. The wind is blowing at the rate of 10 miles an hour from the north.

The average temperature today was 9 degrees above normal, while a northeast wind blew twenty-two miles per hour.

The hourly temperatures:

7 o'clock	28	11 o'clock	56
9 o'clock	38	1 o'clock	64
3 o'clock	46	5 o'clock	64
7 o'clock	49	9 o'clock	62

### "Belfast Chicken," Dies at 88.

St. Louis, March 18.—Bill Clark, once a well known prize fighter, and for many years a swimming instructor here, died today at his home in St. Louis. He was 88 years old. In his youth he was noted in England as a bantam weight fighter. To ring followers he was known as "Belfast Chicken."